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August 21, 1997

Rex Rowley
Bureau of Land Management
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35 East 500 North
Fillmore, Utah 84631

Re: Review of Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, KSC Rocks, Gale's Gold Project, S/027/067, Millard County, Utah

Dear Mr. Rowley:

Thank you for forwarding the Notice for KSC Rocks, Gale's Gold Project, located in the W/2 of the NW/4 of Section 14, T24S, R9W, Millard County, Utah. Your agency's designated number for this project is UTU-075847.

The Division has evaluated the above mentioned Notice under the Small Mining Operation section of our Rules. The information provided in the notice meets the requirements of Rule R647-3 of the 1988 Division of Oil, Gas and Mining Minerals Rules, and Title 40-8, et seq., of the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975. There is information in the notice that needs clarification.

It is understood that the Division will notify your office of any permitting concerns we may have, and in turn, your office, acting as 'Lead Agency' will notify the operator accordingly. The notice states that two cat cuts exist on a small ridge. If the operator redisturbs these cuts, then they become the responsibility of the operator to reclaim. Also the existing access road would be the operator's responsibility. The notice states that no topsoil exists on the ridge to be mined. The operator **needs to request** a topsoil replacement variance for that portion of the site and have it approved by the Division prior to operating. This will most likely require a site inspection to verify conditions at the site.

A copy of the SMO-NOI Summary, Operation and Reclamation Practices, as taken from Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations (form MR-SMO) is enclosed. When the Division accepts a notice, it is expected that the operator comply with the practices listed on this page. If the operator cannot comply with these practices, then a variance request must be provided to and formally approved by the Division. This request would include the particular practice which the operator cannot comply with and an explanation describing the reasons why they cannot comply. A variance request is not required for the practices which refer to features which are nonexistent at the project site.

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Please provide us with a copy of your final completeness/approval letter to the operator. In addition, if you receive additional information or amendments for this operation, please notify us so we can update our files. Please reference our designated file number S/027/067 when forwarding additional information on this project to us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Munson", written in a cursive style.

Tom Munson
Senior Reclamation Specialist

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Enclosure: SMO-NOI Summary
cc: Steven Sorenson, KSC Rocks w/encl
Roger L. Bon, UGS
Tracking File
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